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To: House Agriculture Committee members

From: Joe Colyn, Michigan Food and Farming Systems Council Chair

RE: HB 5130- Food Law Update

Michigan Food and Farming Systems (MIFFS) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding HB 5130- the Food Law Update.

MIFFS has been part of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's (MDARD) Food Law work group since 2010. The group was ask to review the current Food Law looking to update the law and making sure it met the needs that would help grow Michigan's agriculture industry. Due to the thoughtful and dedicated work of the MDARD staff and work group members, we feel that we have met that challenge.

MIFFS supports HB 5130 that updates the Food Law and will continue to work with the MDARD staff to help educated small and medium- sized farmer about the opportunities they will have with this new law.

MIFFS mission is to help small and medium-sized farms operate profitably, produce healthy food for all people and protect the environment for future generations.

We look forward to working on this important legislation with you and your staff. If MIFFS can be of further assistance, please contact our offices at 517 432-0712 or email myself at joe.colyn@originz.com .